



Application of: G. Goicoechea et al.

Serial No.: 08/461,402

Filed: June 5, 1995

For: BIFURCATED ENDOLUMINAL PROSTHESIS

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application

- ☒ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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S I R :

In response to the restriction requirement stated in the Office Letter dated May 21, 1996, please amend the above application as follows and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1, 54, 57, 58, 60 and 61 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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- 1 55. (Amended) A method of treating an angeological disease at a
  - 2 bifurcation site where a blood vessel branches into a first branched vessel and a
  - 3 second branched vessel using a bifurcated stent having a bifurcation, a proximal
  - 4 portion, a first distal portion, and an extension portion extending distally relative to
  - 5 said bifurcation, and using a second stent, said method comprising the steps of:

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which  
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(vessel or stent)